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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - FEBRUARY 6 STATEMENT BY FRETILIN

REPRESENTATIVE HORTA TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL

REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE

REF: USUN 523

1. ON FEBRUARY 11 UN SECRETARIAT PROVIDED UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) PRESIDENCY (US) TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE WHICH REPORTED STATEMENT READ ON FEBRUARY 6 TO WINSPEARE IN DARWIN BY FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE HORTA. UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL (HERNDL) HAS POINTED OUT THAT HORTA'S STATEMENT READ TO WINSPEARE SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTS TELEGRAM SENT LATER ON FEBRUARY 6 TO UNSC PRESIDENT IN HORTA'S NAME. HERNDL STRESSED THAT IN HORTA'S STATEMENT FRETILIN SAID IT COULD NOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF UN DELEGATION. ON OTHER HAND IN HORTA'S TELEGRAM TO AMB MOYNIHAN (REFTEL),

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IMPLICATION WAS THAT IT WOULD BE SAFE FOR WINSPEARE'S PARTY

TO LAND IN CERTAIN AIRSTRIPS IN EAST TIMOR TO MEET FRETELIN,
AND THAT WINSPEARE NOT BEING QUITE FAIR WITH FRETELIN.

2. COMMENT: SINCE TELEGRAM TO MOYNIHAN IN HORTA'S NAME WAS
SENT FROM NEW YORK, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT HORTA'S
REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK MAY NOT HAVE HAD SIGNALS
QUITE CLEAR REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS EARLIER IN DAY. END COMMENT

3. TEXT OF STATEMENT READ BY HORTA AS REPORTED BY WINSPEARE
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEST
SECGEN FROM WINSPEARE DARWIN

FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS READ TO ME BY HORTA THIS MORNING
FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 8AM LT AND THEN DISTRIBUTED BY HIM TO PRESS.

QUOTE

STATEMENT BY JOSE RAMOS-HORTA, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF FRETELIN, AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS-INFORMATION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR.

FRETELIN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO REAFFIRM OUR
WILLINGNESS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN ORDER
TO FIND WAYS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF U.N. RESOLUTIONS.

THEREFORE, MY GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT A SUITABLE PLACE FOR
THE U.N. DELEGATE TO VISIT IS SAME WHERE THERE IS AN AIRSTRIP.

THE NATIONALIST FORCES OF EAST TIMOR ALSO CONTROL THREE OTHER
AIRSTRIPS OF VIQUEQUE AND SUAI ON THE SOUTH COAST AND CON ON THE
NORTH-EAST COAST. HOWEVER, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
REFUSED TO ALLOW AIR-CRAFT TAKING THE U.N. DELEGATION TO FLY
TO EAST TIMOR.

ON THE OTHER HAND FRETELIN CANNOT GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF THE
U.N. DELEGATION WHILE THE INDONESIAN FORCES DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM
THE TERRITORY OF EAST TIMOR AS IT HAS BEEN URGED BY A
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UNANIMOUS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

WHILE FRETELIN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF D.R.E.T.
WILL ALWAYS REMAIN READY FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE
PRESENT WAR, THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR WILL NEVER SURRENDER
THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM TO THE INDONESIAN DICTATORSHIP.
I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE
WAR HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR FIVE MONTHS AND THE INDONESIAN

FORCES ONLY OCCUPY LESS THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TERRITORY.

THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR WILL FIGHT UNTIL THE LAST INDONESIAN
COLONIALIST IS EXPELLED FROM OUR MOTHER-LAND.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO COMPLIMENT MR. WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI
FOR HIS DETERMINED EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
PEOPLE IN EAST TIMOR, AND ASSURES HIM OF THEIR COOPERATION
AT ALL TIMES. IT REGRETS THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE INDONESIAN
GOVERNMENT, AND INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT BY THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT, ARE MAKING HIS TASK OF FULFILLING HIS MISSION
VERY DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE.

UNLIKE OUR OPPONENTS, WE FREELY WELCOME OBSERVERS FROM THE
REST OF THE WORLD TO SEE AT FIRST HAND THE BLATANT AGGRESSION
AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND OUR DETERMINED RESISTANCE AGAINST
THIS AGGRESSION.

J.M. RAMOS HORTA END TEXT
MOYNIHAN

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